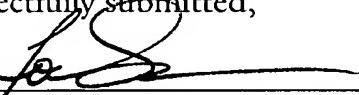


REMARKS

Claims 13-26 are pending in this application. Claims 1-12 have been canceled. The specification has been amended to include a reference to prior application Serial No. 10/155,173, filed May 28, 2002, as required by 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2). Allowance of the application is solicited.

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